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#### **FRONT COVER**

The 2016 Olympics are mostly played in one of the world's most beautiful cities, but its time zone may make it difficult for us here in Thailand to watch many of the games unfolding. Hopefully the highlights will be shown and be exciting with surprising winners.

#### **EDITOR'S GREETING**

There's variety this month with articles about Canada Day and the St George's Ball.

Many thanks to Paul Cheesman who has contributed an account of his recent call to the UK for a session of seeing justice done.

The back two pages of this issue have the most recent schedule of the 2016 Olympics to help you plan whichever sports you want to watch, though as yet we have no idea on which channel.

Ed



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### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As I write this, the Poolside Redevelopment sub-committee is eagerly awaiting concept designs commissioned from four architectural firms and due on 21st July. Although not having an inkling of what these schemes might look like, I am confident that they will provide us with exciting options for turning what is now a very under-used, run-down and neglected 'back end' of the Club into a dynamic modern hub for families and sport.

The architects have been asked to plan for the future but the development will be phased to match available funding and minimise inconvenience to Members. We are hoping that the Membership will approve the first phase to be built over the next 2 to 3 years with work starting before the end of the year. In a few days time we will get an idea of just what that first phase can include. How exciting is that!

Your feedback will be important. By the time you read this, the Sub-Committee will have received the designs from the architects and they will be going up on the club website for everyone to view. There will also be printed versions of the drawings on display.

The Architects will then present their concepts at an Open Forum at the Club on Sunday 21st August to which all Members are invited, including non-voting categories and families. Those present will be invited to express their views on the relative merits of each scheme by questionnaire and anyone not able to attend will be able to submit their views using the same form.

The sub-committee has appointed a seven-person, expert, evaluation panel to carry out a technical evaluation of each proposal and will take into account Member feedback in





recommending a preferred option for General Committee consideration. The GC is appointing a Quantity Surveyor to ensure cost estimates are accurate and will work with the sub-committee to prepare a financial plan. All being well, the GC then hopes to call an EGM on or around 10th

October where the preferred, costed and phased scheme

will be presented for Member consideration.

Whilst it will be impossible to make everyone happy we are confident that after years of debate and lots of hard work there is general consensus about what is needed. We expect to be presenting an exhilarating scheme that will not only appeal to our present Members but will also be a major attraction for new Members in the future. Please pencil 21st August and 10th October in your diaries and check the Website for any updates.

Last month we carried out our first Member survey, getting feedback on ideas to experiment with a social/ sports bar in the Wordsworth Lounge. The response was positive with over 130 returns and two thirds of those responding supporting the idea. A decision will be made shortly, the key being not to spend too much money on an experiment and being able to revert if does not prove popular. There were a few technical glitches in the survey but we will fix this and plan to send the next one out shortly, probably to get feedback on our menus. This is a great way to feel the pulse of the Membership and we ask everyone to take a few minutes to respond.

This is a quiet time of year at the Club but the sub-committees are beavering away. The Constitutional Review SC is getting into its stride, taking over the review of our Rules and Bylaws initiated last year. Sadly the Club's archives are rather lacking, with documents before WW2 having been lost during the Japanese occupation and no systematic filing system having been maintained since. Copies and translations of our title deeds and registrations will surely have been made in the past but now we have to do all this again to establish the legal parameters for any changes we may want to make.

The initial steps taken last year to improve Club Security have also been progressed through a comprehensive security audit. Some changes will shortly be in place with the recruitment of our own security officers to oversee and strengthen the guard services. There will also be some physical enhancements including emergency exits and a PA system, useful for event management as well as for emergencies.

One of the emergency exits will be into the Neilson Hayes Library and I am delighted that relationships have been restored with our sister member organisation, and the gate is now open again for BC Members to use at weekends (10.00am to 5.00pm). If you have never visited it, I encourage you to do so. The library has a great selection of books in a beautiful historic building, which also hosts children's story reading, art exhibitions and cultural events. Just walk through the gate and check it out ... with your membership card to get back in of course!

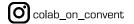
I mentioned before that one of the delights of being Chairman has been the opportunity to meet Members, new and old, whom I normally might never have had an opportunity to meet. Gone, (for now!), are my lazy afternoons by the Poolside reading, snoozing and working out in the gym. It is often impossible to read even a page of my book, let alone snooze before someone comes along for a chat. Sometimes it feels like one of those 'surgeries' that MPs hold! But keep coming, there are so many good ideas around and I am learning a lot!

Just one random Sunday this month, conversations included the merits of raising a loan to build guests rooms similar to those found at our Reciprocal Clubs ... which could be paid back in no time and provide a very useful revenue stream thereafter. I was also asked what our staff remuneration policy is? I am pleased that many Members are concerned about the well being of our staff and we should have a document setting out our basic principles. Our Human Resource SC is looking at it. The poor state of some of the equipment in the gym was brought up and I was pleased to be able report that we have just recently signed a maintenance contract to get on top of this. But best of all I learned how a properly managed, 'stray' cat population can be stable, making the environment happy, healthy and safe for everyone. Not bad for one afternoon.

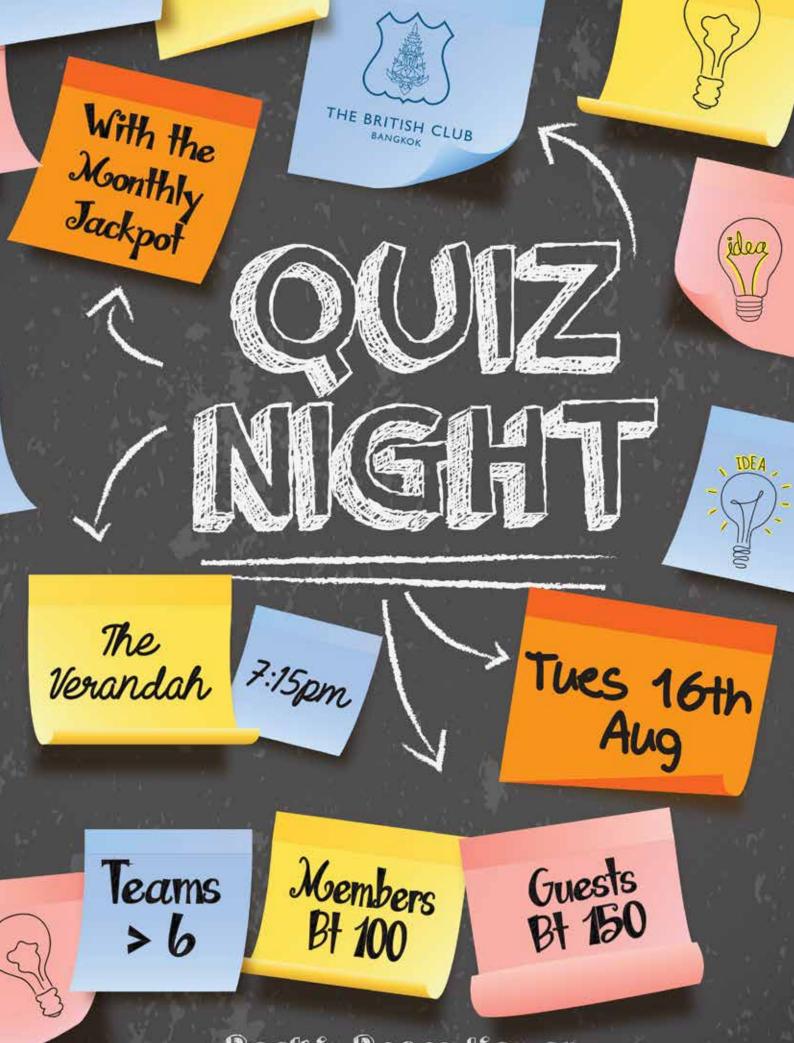
In closing we are now missing just two editions in our collection of old Outpost magazines, April and September 1997. It is great to report that the scanning is now almost complete and Jeremy will shortly have them up on our Website. I suspect not everyone will be as excited as me about this, but there are worse ways to spend a rainy season afternoon than browsing the ups and down of your favourite Sports Section over the last 40 years ... now on to the Minute books!



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## **LETTER FROM** THE GENERAL MANAGER

I am pleased to advise that the operating results in June were better than last year and over budget. Our cash on hand was 39.9 million baht at the end of June which is a good position as we start the quiet months of the summer.

July has been very quiet as with so many people Members and visitors away for their holidays there are only a few functions, events and bookings in the outlets. However, the Sports Camps have seen a better turnout than before, with some days bringing more than thirty kids for the camp. The kids really enjoyed all the games and activities, not only those at the Club but also the ice-skating at CentralWorld and the bowling at Siam Paragon. We will continue the camps for the first two weeks of August before the schools open again.

In August we will continue our Oyster Promotion (raw and cooked), and have a Thai Buffet for Mother's Day, and the Paella Promotion starts again every Wednesday.

On the 1st July, we had our annual First Aid training for the front and back office staff from Lerdsin Hospital to help our staff to learn basic first aid. More than twenty staff





Premrudee Tanyaluck

General Manager

attended the lecture in the morning and practical in the afternoon. Our staff found the training interesting and believe it will be useful. In August, Khun Kasem and his team plan to provide service training to update our new staff and to refresh the existing staff.

During this quiet time, our engineering team have been carrying out maintenance works such as changing the new toilets next to the Gym, replacing new backing cloths for all the Clubhouse noticeboards, repairing and painting some of the outlets and the public areas. We are also using this time to replace some kitchen equipment as per the suggestions of the F&B sub-committee, namely the main Bain Marie and the multi-purpose slow cooking station.

All Members should have already received an email from me regarding the new website function for viewing their account statement online. If anyone did not receive the email and password, please email me so we can generate a new one from the system and supply it to you.

Those Members who are going away on holiday, don't forget to ask Reception for any introduction letters you might need for visiting our reciprocal clubs while you are travelling - there are more than 300 clubs around the world many of which have accommodation and excellent facilities. I hope you and your families have great holidays! For those Members who are staying in Thailand, please come along and enjoy the Club.

#### OFFICIAL OPENING TIMES

The Verandah	11am - 2pm, 5pm - 10p 11am - 10pm (Fri-Sun	•	·				
1910 Balcony	3pm - 11pm (Afternoor	n Tea 3pm - 5pm)					
Accounts Office	9am - 6pm (Mon-Fri), C	Closed (Sat-Sun)					
The Pavilion Café	9am - 6pm	Fitness Centre	6am - 10pm (Mon-Fri)				
Churchill Bar	10am - 12midnight	Fitness Centre	6am - 9pm (Sat-Sun)				
Poolside Bar	6:15am - 11pm Last food orders 9:30p	<b>Thai Massage</b> m	10am - 5pm (Tues-Sun)				



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# LOOKING AHEAD

DIARY DATES for later this year

> NOVEMBER GUY FAWKES NIGHT.

Loy Krathong 14th

Thanksgiving Buffet 24th

'Christmas' Wine-Tasting

25th

OCTOBER

Shakespeare for Dummies

15th Trafalgar Dinner

28th HALLOWEEN!



DECEMBER! Christmas 10th Carols

ANNUAL BALL 17th./ Children's Xmas Party CHRISTMAS DAY



# **HAPPENINGS**

It's been a month of extremes, with some extra hot days often ending up as extra wet evenings and nights. Apart from playing havoc with some people's health and prompting head colds during scorching times, this atmospheric variation has made the Club very quiet during or after downpours, and quite populated at other inexplicable moments. With so many people away on holiday, we have thus seen a tranquil month especially during the long weekend that got extended.

August is also expected to be quiet with only the buffet on HM the Queen's birthday, which is celebrated in Thailand as Mother's Day, our usual monthly Quiz Night on the 16th, and Wine-Tasting on Friday 26th which will be worth attending as July's wine-tasting had to be cancelled due to a lack of bookings. During the last quarter of the month, there will be a Members Forum to discuss the Poolside Redevelopment project, with details of the date time and format being sent out in the next fortnight so you have time to schedule in your attendance for this important future reversioning of the poolside environment.

For sports fans, August sees the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. The times that the games take place, coupled with the time zone difference between Brazil and Thailand makes it difficult to show many of the contests, but we are hoping to find a rerun schedule for highlights as soon as the broadcasters work out what they are doing (or more importantly let everyone know). Once this is done, we will send out details by mailing so you can catch up on your chosen sports.

On the facing page, there is a listing looking ahead at major events scheduled for 'later in the year'. I think this probably deserves an award for the earliest Christmas advertising in the civilised world, and I am not proud of it being so far in advance as I remember exploding some years ago when I found Cadbury's Creme Eggs on sale in October, and heard Jingle Bells in a shop in late September. But there is a reason for it. Last year there were a number of concerned emails received over the late announcement of dates, as the last months of the year are so difficult for diaries, and we don't want you to miss out on any of the major happenings here at the Club. Events such as halloween and Guy Fawkes Night have grown splendidly over the last few years, and it's worth noting down their dates well in advance so as not to miss them. Likewise Christmas Day and New Year's Eve are usually booked near capacity, and even though those are on fixed dates (for most), an early



**Events & Marketing** Manager

reminder for blocking off that date in your diary does not go amiss. Last year the Annual Ball suffered from bad scheduling and then clashing with other events in Bangkok, and this year the General Committee are planning to overhaul the whole style and format of the Annual Ball so that it can once again become a legendary evening of huge enjoyment. As there still seems to be a ban on importing turkey into Thailand, a review of the Annual Ball's design may be necessary if not ultimately desirable. So get your diaries out, or your smart phones, consult the page opposite and jot down the dates as appropriate. If you haven't got your diary or phone handy, then just tear out the page and pin it on your wall near the fridge, so you can be reminded every time you scuttle off to get a beer.

We are also doing a comprehensive sales analysis of all menu items, as there are lots of ideas bouncing around about food. So dawdle a while next time you've got a menu in your hand and try out any of the dishes you may have overlooked before, as they may not be there next time you think of ordering them!

As is common nowadays with inboxes, we get a huge number of spam emails, malware nonsense, and misdirected enquiries about accommodation, coaching, whatever. One of the most curious I've had this year is included on my page this week. Made me feel Roman.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

chuangmao To: info@britishclubbangkok.org bangkok carbon fiber line of floor heating Dear Sir. Can your company supply carbon fiber line of floor heating? Best regards!



#### 8th August - 12th August

Starters: 65 Baht

Carrots, Raisin and Apple Coleslaw or Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses: 160 Baht

Chicken Maryland with pineapple, banana, sweet corn, bacon and home-fried potatoes

- or Pan-fried Dory fish in orange and butter sauce (Served with French beans, carrots and mashed potatoes)
- or Sausage Stew with Green Beans, Carrots, Peas and New Potatoes
- or Tom Kha Gai (A refreshing coconut milk soup with chicken and herbs)

Phad Kraprao Moo Sab (Stir-fried minced pork with hot basil and chilli)

Phad Tua Ngok Tao Hoo (Stir-fried bean sprouts with beancurd and oyster sauce)



#### 15th August - 19th August

Starters: 65 Baht

Chicken and Papaya Salad (Grilled chicken, lemongrass, spring onion and lime dressing)

or Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses: 160 Baht

Mixed Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Fried Oinons

or Turkey and Mushroom Pie with Mixed Vegetables and Home-fried Potatoes

or Grilled Sea Bass (Served with Spinach Risotto)

or Tom Yam Kung (Spicy Lemon Grass Soup with Prawns and Mushrooms) Gai Phad Khing (Stir-fried Chicken with Ginger, Onion and Fungus Mushrooms)

Tod Mun Pla (Deep-fried Fishcakes)



#### 22nd August - 26th August

Starters: 65 Baht

Chicken and Cranberry Salad with Balsamic Dressing or Chef's Soup of the Day

Main Courses: 160 Baht

Beef and Mushroom Stroganoff Served with Yellow Rice

or B.B.Q Ham (Served with Sautéed Cabbage,

Bacon, Potatoes Salad and Parsley Cream Sauce)

or Baked Chicken Breast in Tomato and Cheese Sauce (Served with Roast Vegetables)

or Gaeng Kiew Wan Look Chin Pla (Fish Balls in Green Curry Sauce)

Kai Jiew Moo Sub (Thai Style Minced Pork Omelette)

Phad Khanha Namman Hoy (Stir-fried Kale with Oyster Sauce)





# **F&B MORSELS**

It has been quiet through most of July, although there have been busy periods throughout. These months when staff take their holidays too, so sometimes our food preparation has been a bit slow which is unavoidable.

The main promotions we have had during July will be carried over into August. For our oyster promotion, raw or cooked, we have imported Fine de Claire as well as Sydney Rock oysters and they are prepared Mornay or Rockefeller style when cooked, very tasty! Our fresh strawberry dishes will continue as well as they are always popular with adults and children also.

In August I will start doing our Paella promotion again at all our outlets. The three choices are Chicken, Seafood or Vegetarian, and they will be available on Wednesdays as this has worked well before. Please remember to allow time when ordering a paella - they are prepared specially for you and then they need cooking as well. The waiting time will increase your appetite as well!

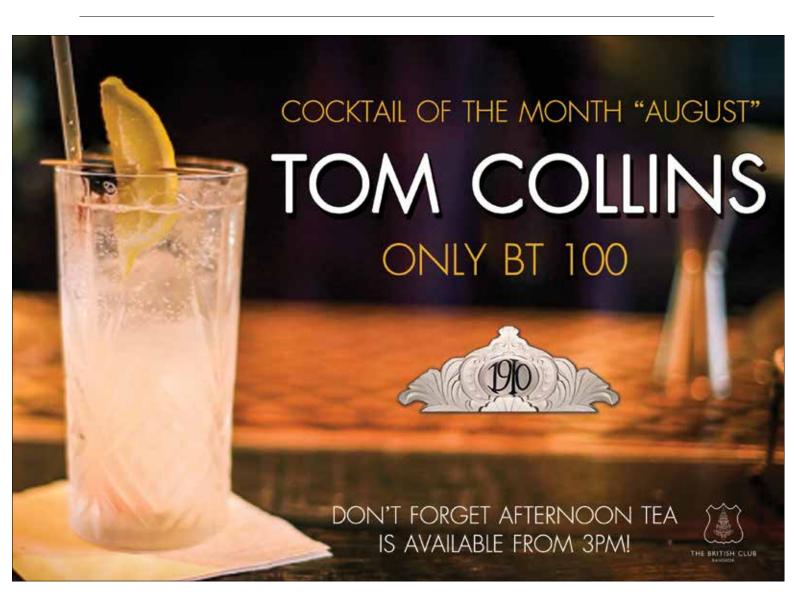


**Executive Chef** 

To celebrate Thai Mother's Day on 12 August, which is also Her Majesty the Queen's birthday, I will be providing a Thai Buffet in The Verandah for both lunch and for dinner as well. We expect quite a few families will be coming back from their holidays overseas that week, so it's a great time to come and fill up with a good range of delicious Thai food. Of course there is also the Sunday Brunch every week with carver, salmon, pasta station, salads and other dishes too.

I will be revising the "Recommends" boards soon so keep your eyes on those special choices too.

Happy Eating!



# **CANADA DAY RETURNS TO BRITISH CLUB WITH A BANG**

After a year's hiatus, the Canadian community returned to celebrate Canada's 149th birthday at the British Club on Saturday June 18th. And it was a triumphant return, as the rain held off, and all in attendance enjoyed the food, music and activities on offer.

On the ball hockey court, the inaugural Gordie Howe Classic was held with Team West Coast defeating Team East Coast 8-5 in a tightly fought game. HE Philip Calvert cut the birthday cake and it was a chance for all to thank him for his service as after 32 years the Ambassador is retiring from the diplomatic corps in mid-August.

The big prizes awarded on the day were two Bangkok Airways return tickets to Chiang Rai along with accommodation at The Legend; a year's membership at the Shane Wilding Golf Centre; a pro bike; and two Bangkok Airways return tickets to Krabi. Sponsors who had booths at the event included BNH Hospital, Rockin' Jump, Shane Wilding, Borealis, and the Denla British School. The Rolling Stone pizza van was also there, delivering up delicious slices of pizza.

The highlight of the event was a note received earlier in the day from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau celebrating Canada Day and acknowledging CanCham's work and all its efforts.

Kelly Cailes and his team along with all the Canada Day committee members (John Casella, John Stevens, Ron Livingston, Dan Mackay, Michael Thomas, Jen Meckhayai & Sunny Patel) deserve a big round of applause for putting on a great show.











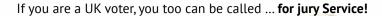
Music in the afternoon was provided by Rob Taylor and his band HaHaHa; Les Walsh and his band Southern Cross provided the tunes in the evening.

It was terrific to return to the British Club as it ideally suited for hosting a national day event. On the front lawn a bouncy castle was set up and a kid's buffet was made available as well as a table where children could have their faces painted. The car park was covered and this became the main eating area for a sumptuous buffet catered by the British Club. In the back of the Club a stage was set up for the bands and the hockey game took place on the all-purpose court while the back lawn hosted volleyball, the tug-of-war and many of the booths displaying on the day.



# **JURY SERVICE**

#### OMNIA PRAESUMUNTUR LEGITIME FACTA DONEC PROBETUR IN CONTRARIUM





#### **Exempt in Asia?**

A fundamental right of our British Judicial system, since 1168 at least, is the option to 'trial by jury' and just because you live or work in Asia, does not exempt you from this public service. In England and Wales alone, around 200,000 UK adults are called for jury service each year and, since the passage of the Criminal Justice Act 2003, almost no-one is exempt (unless you are currently enjoying Her Majesty's pleasure). Names are chosen at random from the Electoral Register and the most leeway one can usually get is a deferral to a different fortnight in the current year.

Thus if you are a British, Irish or Commonwealth citizen still listed on an electoral register in the UK, you can be called and of course if the Tories keep their election pledge (and I typed that without laughing) all British Citizens living abroad will soon become eligible once again to be on the Electoral Register for your last UK address as they promise to withdraw the 15 year rule.

However, if you are called, don't stress out however if 'Rumpole of the B<mark>ai</mark>ley', 'Crown Court' or 'Judge J<mark>u</mark>dy' are not your favourite programmes ... this is the real thing and far more bizarre!

#### In the Beginning

It all starts with a pink coloured Summons from the Lord Chancellor (in actuality, from the Jury Central Summoning Bureau) with the dates, usually a start date mentioning 'ten days service', for which you are called. Day 1 usually starts with a short induction and the lay-out of the land.

Be warned, however, that 'ten days service' (two 'Monday to Friday' weeks) is the period that you must be present at the Court 'awaiting call'. As you will soon find out you may be called on day 1 or not at all in ten days, and once your court case is ended (see below) you return to 'await being called' again. If, as many were unlucky on my recent service, you get a 'five day trial' called on day 9, you are thus there for 14 days service or, as also happened to some during my service, a 'four day trial' starring on Day 6 failed to end in four days ... thus you keep going! Of course your second 'five day trial' could collapse on Day 8 and you go home two days early!

That all being said if it is going to be another Hillsborough case (267 days of evidence alone) or at least if it will take you over the 'ten days service', the Judge will allow you to submit reasons why you cannot serve beyond a fixed date and may discharge you for that case. If you have a holiday booked, remember to bring the evidence with you ... it is a court of law after all!

#### Ancient or Modern

My Court building was a bit 'Ancient & Modern' ... for my first few trials, a beautiful Victorian court building with a domed ceiling, natural light and air, and all the grace of imagining Horace W. Rumpole telling us that of course Fred Timson was innocent, he merely borrowed the aforementioned silver to 'value it'. Sadly my last trial was in the dream of a modern architect ... in other words, most other people's nightmare ... an airless, cramped box room with no natural light and only the binding of the Bible, on which to swear, having any character.

To one side there is the Jury room, more later, which has its own toilets and to the other the Judges own rooms. Depending on the age and type of court room, there may also be different entrances for the jury depending on if they are waiting or sworn in. However, do not worry about getting lost, the Court Usher, often called the jury usher, will instruct you as to every detail of where to go, where to sit and when to stand ("All Rise!").

#### His Honour or even higher

There are various courts in the UK but Juries normally only serve at Crown Courts, and these come in various tiers so unless you get the Central Criminal Court (the 'Old Bailey' – a tier 1 court) you will most probably be on cases of robbery, theft, GBH (Grievous Bodily Harm) or slightly more than a playful amount of illegal substances. Don't fret, however, these are equally important and often a lot shorter ... when you are called your usher will probably tell you that 'this is a two day trial' or 'three day trial' ... rule of thumb, add another day!

The nature of the alleged crime also dictates the stature of your Judge ... a High Court judge (as in 'My

Lord') in his/her red robes for tier 1, a Circuit judge (as in 'Your Honour') in red robes with a purple sash for the next tiers and sometimes, as I had also, a Recorder (also 'Your Honour'), who is a barrister undertaking a Judge's role, and wears only black robes. In all cases you may only communicate with him/her via handwritten notes, passed on by your usher, and s/he will impart learned advice ... whilst asking for the defendant to speak up is a valid 'note', asking what is for luncheon is probably not.

#### Twelve Men & True

Although the details of cases you hear are sub-judice (secret), the procedure is roughly the same. Fifteen names will be called in the Jury Waiting Area and if one is you, you follow the usher to the court. Standing aside from the Jury Box, the Clerk of the Court will call twelve names to sit in the box and then you are sworn in. A range of oaths are available and also the ability to 'affirm' if you have no faith. It is at this point the defendant can object to you, and the judge can ask if anyone knows certain named persons or locations. Once twelve persons are the 'Jury Sworn', the remaining three 'Jury in waiting', return to the Jury Waiting Area.

"I swe<mark>a</mark>r by Almighty God that I will faithfully try th<mark>e</mark> defendant and give a true verdict according to the evidence."

The proceedings are Prosecution evidence and Defence evidence witnesses, and witnesses. Prosecution closing speech, Defence closing speech and then a summing up from the Judge to ensure you grasped both sides of the case. Forget everything you have seen in Boston Legal and from my good friend Mr Rumpole ... these guys do not have to complete their case before the TV credits start, they are not paid to entertain anyone and the words 'clear' and 'concise' are probably anathema to them.

One thing most judges tell you is that they are the judges of the law whist you, the jury, are the judges of the evidence. Whilst the Jury is allowed to see and hear all the variety of evidence, it is not allowed to hear the points of Law until the Judge has ruled on them. Thus the Jury is quite often moved out of court, sometimes for hours, sometimes two or three times in a day, whilst the legal beagles play.

#### The Jury Bailiff

Not often is someone paid to swear at you but in this case the usher swears for you. Once the case is put, then the Jury are placed in the jury room to decide on whether the defendant is guilty or not guilty. The usher is now the Jury Bailiff and will not let anyone into the room (or you out) until you have completed what is called the deliberation. The case will have an indictment and there may be several counts on it thus a number of deferent verdicts are possible on each indictment. Gone are the days where you will not even be let out at night (hotel rooms used to be booked for you) but you will certainly not be let out for luncheon, so be prepared!

#### This is not the end ...

Once you have completed your deliberation, elected one person to act as the Foreman and he/she has answered before the court that 'A Verdict have been reached', that it is 'Guilty' or 'Not Guilty' and that 'It was the Verdict of us all, then you are thanked, and then dismissed to await another trial and go to the Jury Waiting Area to start again.

Of course if anyone of those questions cannot be answered then you are in the realms, perhaps, of a hung jury and the author would need another few issues of Outpost to explain the dynamics of such a dilemma!

#### But this is ...

Whether you are discharged or your ten days lapse, you need to be signed off by the Jury Manager then you are free to go about your normal life. The Ministry of Justice will pay you a small luncheon allowance, your transport costs (if you do not already have a season ticket which covers the journey) and aid your employer with a small recompense for your lost earnings.

Then it is over .... until the next time.



Well Judged ... High Court, Circuit & Recorder

The author was Honorary Secretary of the Club from 2000 to 2003, 2006 to 2008, 2010 to September 2015 and Vice-Chairman from 2001 to 2003.

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Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm



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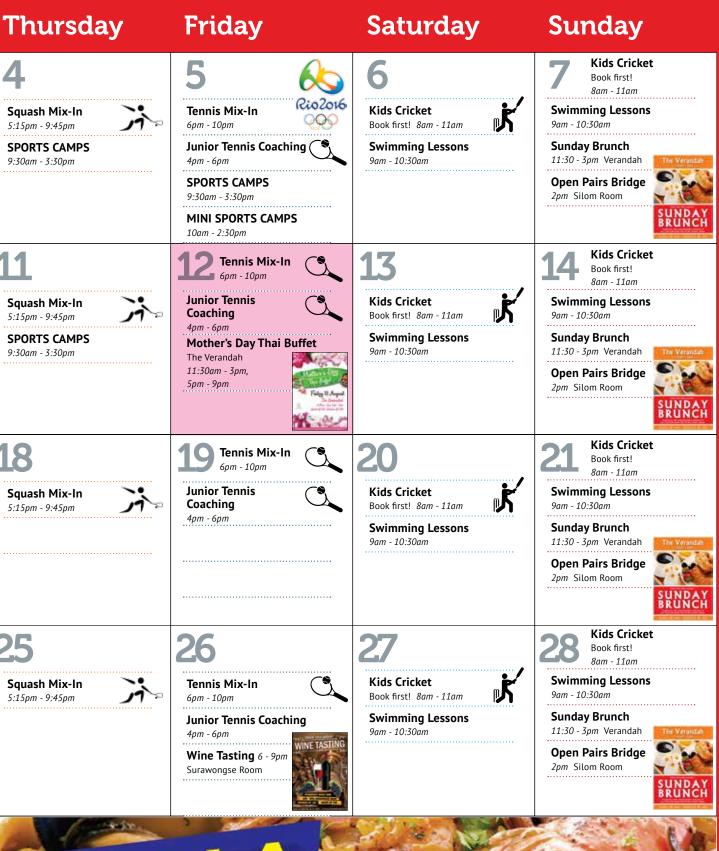


Tennis Mix-In

6pm - 10pm









# ST. GEORGE'S DAY **BALL 2016**

Manythanks to all Bangkok St. George's Society members, friends and supporters who attended our 2016 Annual Ball held on St. George's Day, Saturday 23rd April, at the Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel on the Chao Praya. Not only were we celebrating St. George's Day but also this year we commemorated the 400th Anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare and also celebrated the 90th Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

From feedback we received, everyone who attended had a fantastic evening, enjoying the whole event from the Sparkling Reception accompanied by the Royal Thai Army Quartet, the traditional Baron of Beef Ceremony, the Three Witches performance from Shakespeare's Macbeth and the very rousing sing-a-long of 'Rule Britannia', 'Land of Hope and Glory', 'Jerusalem' and 'They'll always be an England' accompanied as always by the brilliant Royal Thai Army Band. The evening was rounded off by dancing to Peter Driscoll and the Cruisers with some very familiar rock and roll favourites and finally Paul Jackson provided some great music which kept the dance floor busy till 1am.

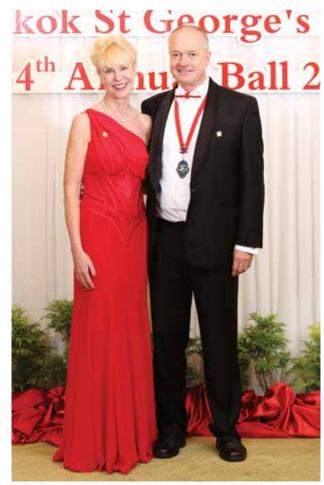
We held a very successful raffle during the evening and thanks to everyone's very generous support, we raised a significant sum for Thai charities. Amounts have already been distributed to the Gift of Happiness Foundation and to the Fatima Centre Mother and Baby Unit, run by Sister Louise and the Good Shepherd Sisters.

Without the very generous support of our sponsors, this event could not of course take place and we would especially like to thank the following:

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I would also like to extend our great thanks to the Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel for providing us with such delicious food and wonderful service and for their enormous help and support in organizing the event. Thank you also to Hendricks Gin for providing the gin and to Tenderloins for the Cocktail Bar during the welcome reception.

Sincere thanks also to the many raffle prize donors who so kindly donated vouchers and goods which helped sell so many tickets and especially to British Airways for the 2 return tickets to London and to the Eastern & Oriental Express for the wonderful prize of a luxurious 3-night train journey to Singapore. Your generous donations have allowed us to make a difference to some of the most needy in Thailand







Finally and by no means least, I would like to thank the Bangkok St. George's Society Committee for all their tremendous help and support in organizing the event, especially Gale Bailey MBE, John Hocking, Paul Jackson, Hasan Khan, Sue Steel, Ghaff Khan, Robert Rose, Helen Couldrey, Carole-Ann Eastgate, Kevin Hellon, Ann Hellon, Ray Bloom and Andy Lewis and last (but by no means least) my wonderful husband Martin. In addition, whilst they are not Committee members, a huge thank you also to the Glaze Family who jointly contributed so much, as they have generously done for so many years. It really was a true team effort and thank you one and all!

Please enjoy some of the evening's photos above and we look forward to seeing everyone again next year for the 2017 Ball!

Laura Smith (President)

# **AS IT HAD BEEN**

The last couple of months I shared pictures taken in Thailand's historical parks in the 1970s/ 80s and this month we head to the beach, to Hua Hin. The journey was much slower in those days, all roads out of Bangkok being single, two-lane, two-way carriageways. Driving could be pretty hazardous dodging the dreaded 'orange buses' with young conductors hanging off the sides waving oncoming traffic off the road. I was even warned not to drive after dark because bandits still robbed cars at road blocks on what were then very quiet roads at night.

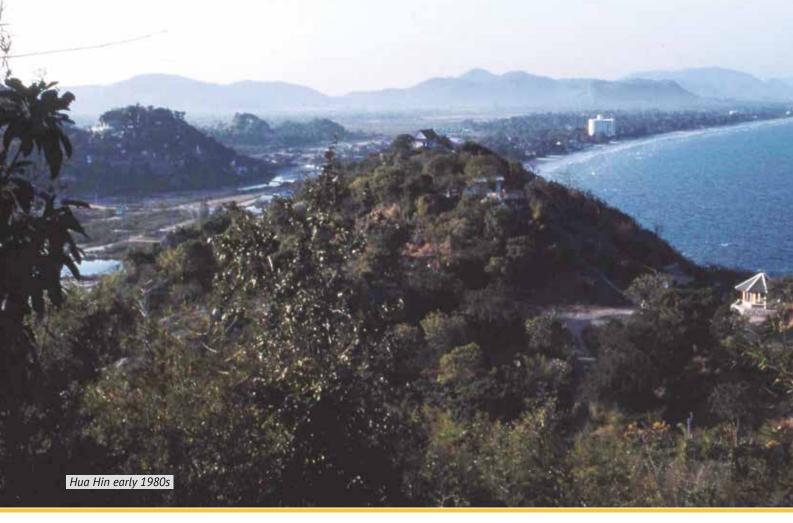


**Jack Dunford** 



Foreign tourists had yet to discover Thailand's beaches and Hua Hin was a sleepy place, the only major hotel being the old faded Railway Hotel long before being restored to become the Centara. My picture was taken from Khao Takiab in the early 1980s when just one 8 story building had controversially erupted on the beach. It is still there if you look closely in my picture taken this month from the same spot, insignificant in Hua Hin's high-rise sprawl. Sadly even Khao Takiab itself has lost much of its charm with scruffy buildings littering once leafy hilltops.

Walking Street was a bit less touristy in those days!







# **TENNIS**

# Singapore Recreation Club Friendly



On Saturday 16th July, 14 of the British Club Tennis Section took on 14 from the Singapore Recreation Club for a friendly match up. Initially it had been cancelled due to the fact that a lot of our tennis players were involved in an inter-club but at the eleventh hour we rallied 14 players including two of our upcoming younger players, Ryan and Team.

At 3:30pm the matches began with all four courts in action and as the weather looked good we were hoping for a lot fun games of tennis. But before too long, thunder could be heard despite the sky above looking bright!































Then it happened, the rain came forcing an early beer break! Fortunately, it wasn't for too long and with the help of some of the players and staff the courts were cleaned off and dried and play resumed after being rehydrated. Our guests were surprised at how quickly the courts were dry again.





WEEK 1

1,3,5 August

WEEK 2

8,10 August

Time	Activitie
10:00 - 10:15	Admin
10:15 - 11:00	Games
11:00 - 11:15	Shack
11:15 - 12:15	Mini Tennis
12:15 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 1:45	Play time
1:45 - 2:30	Water Fun

Bt 650 per day





Children must be between the ages of 4 and 6 yrs.

The children must be capable of feeding themselves, changing their clothes and using the bathroom unsupervised.

In the interests of safety and quality for your children there is a maximum number of 8 children per day
so please sign up to avoid disappointment. A three child minimum is required to run each day.
A no show booking will still be charged at the full amount. Cancellations up to 24 hrs before will be charged 50%.

 Whilst the British Club and its staff will provide the highest level of care possible for your children, sports/activity camp participants take part at their own risk and the Club accepts no liability for injuries caused during activities on or off site or travel to or from the Club.



- · Children should be 7+.
- This is not an elitist camp, the emphasis is on joining in, trying out new sports, having fun and making friends.
- · A five child minimum is required to run each day so please sign up.
- As travel arrangements need to be made for Tuesday & Thursday activities please sign up 48 hrs in advance.
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Book at The Fitness Centre 02-234-0247 Ext. 26 or by email: sports@britishclubbangkok.org



# HARD BALLS

#### **Flashback**

With the season over and the summer holidays in flow we can take a look back over the 2015/16 season which was the platform for accolades and breakthroughs a-plenty. The historic tours dating back as far as the 80s in some cases were as good as ever; Phuket and Chiang Mai sides both hosting a bustling BC side with arms outstretched, whilst sides from England, Malaysia and Sri Lanka found the time for a crack against BC in BKK during their own tours.















A win in the last game of the season would have guaranteed not finishing bottom place and could even have bumped BC up to 8th in their re-entry to the leaque. An exciting finale to the season unexpectedly ended in a stalemate, and even with a meticulous study of scorebooks in which a combination of advanced forensic techniques were used to determine whether the opposition scorer had been on the fiddle - the battle was still logged as a tie. Hats off to Sarg for his persistence. Despite a bottom placed finish after a solitary win (ironically against the league champions), BC definitely proved a worthy place in the competition which initially asked the question whether it was a premature move from the developing club.







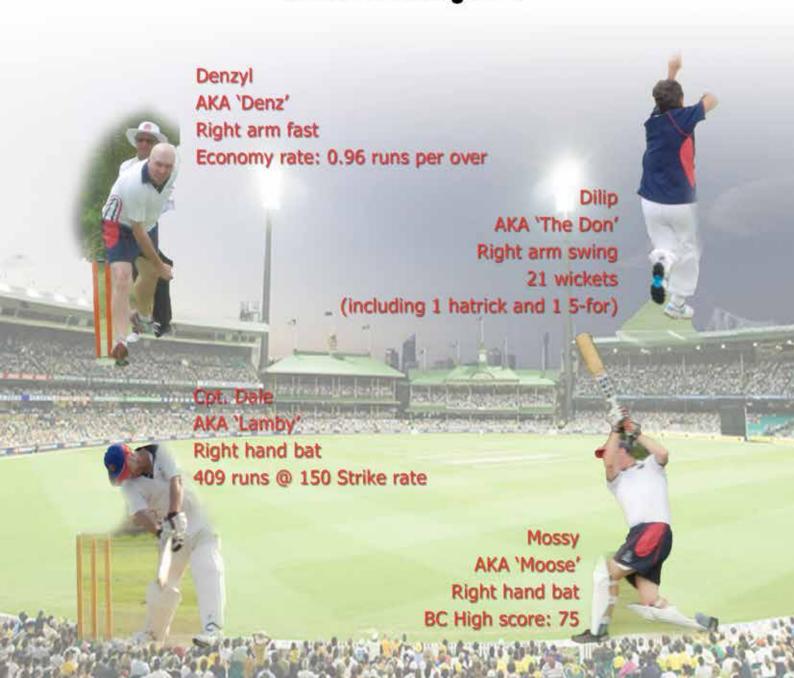








# The usual suspects



# **SQUASHY BITS**

#### DANGER!

Recently, on squash court one, during a pleasant, Saturday afternoon mix-in, Malcolm Moore assaulted Tony Burke. It was an unprovoked and highly vicious attack which provides ample evidence that squash can be an awfully dangerous pursuit. The two involved in this barbaric incident are allegedly friends, yet such was its aggressive nature, that detail seems rather difficult to swallow. The carnage was witnessed by few, yet one of those few was me.





"Insurance anyone?"

This is what transpired: Tony served the ball from the right box, as one does, and Malcolm, attempting a very risky, reverse-angle, service return, stacked with more interest than Tony could ever imagine, smashed the ball straight back into his gob!

Tony: aghast at such sudden aggression and brutality from Malcolm, who, up until that point in their relationship, had proved to be a fairly benevolent individual, yelled out in pain - both physical and emotional - and dashed off the court clutching his mouth and in floods of tears.

Malcolm: looking equally as aghast and distressed at inflicting such colossal harm on a fellow Squashie, wailed his deepest apologies and urgent protestations that it was simply an accident, a misjudgment, a mis-hit.

However, the sole witness to this dirty deed had other ideas. You see, just as Tony was lining up to serve, Malcolm turned up to the gallery, where I was sitting comfortably grooming one of the Club's cockroach's, and after a comical wink, mouthed to me, "Watch this!" Naturally, Tony, in the midst of his intense, service preparations, didn't get to witness this clear evidence of premeditation, and will still maintain, until he reads this of course, that it was just one of those unfortunate, squash incidents. As it turns out, he suffered just a fat lip which some ice quickly dealt with and the mix-in continued without further incident. All that crying over nufink!

The reverse-angle, service return is a dangerous squash shot that Mason apparently attacked Captain 'Calamity' Evans with a few moons back and that explains why he now wears those nerdy goggles every time he plays. Either that or he just enjoys looking like a nerd! The latter is more likely.

The very nature of squash - enclosed court, unforgiving cement or Perspex walls, opponents side by side or in very close proximity, moving at high (ish) speed while smashing a rubber ball all over the place with carbon-fiber bats is inevitably going to lead to some collisions and some pain - please see the accompanying photos.

Being struck with the ball or a racket is fairly common, as is colliding with your opponent or a wall. Twisted ankles, knees, elbows, wrists are standard squash risks. Falling over is a regular occurrence, particularly after plenty of









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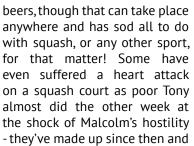














are have just announced their engagement via Twitter!

In the professional game the players move at an incredible pace and some even leap through the air to make a shot. Pro squash players are very competitive and aggressive play is to be expected as the sport is their livelihood. Thus, injuries are part and parcel.

However, one of the more daring (idiotic) of the pro players took these 'common injuries' to a new level as was demonstrated by Cameron Pilley, the Australian No.1, who holds the world record for 'how hard and fast a human can hit a squash ball' at 175mph. Not content with that fairly impressive achievement, he challenged his younger brother, Morgan, to 'experience' this 175mph squash ball - against his bare back! Morgan stupidly accepted the challenge as is now scarred for life! And it's on video:-



Rough





www.youtube.com/results?search\_query=taking+a+squash+ball+at+175mph

Until he gets out of hospital .......



Excuse me



The BCB Squash Section would like to acknowledge Boots Retail Thailand as its sponsor for 2015. Boots Retail Thailand kindly sponsored the 2014 Rod Carter Open, the BCB Squash Section's open squash competition, and has agreed to support the section throughout 2015. Boots Retail Thailand has numerous branches throughout the country supplying high quality cosmetics and pharmaceuticals. Many thanks to Boots Retail Thailand.



# **BCGS GOLFING NEWS (June 2016)**



During June we played the Magpie Putter, an annual competition against the Bangkok Wanderers Golf Society. The trophy is named for the thieving habits of magpies, and has been contested every year since 1990. Before the game, British Club were the holders, and the trophy was on proud display in the Churchill Bar; the accumulated result was 13 wins to each society. The format has changed a bit over the years, but it has recently settled as a 2-ball scramble, with 18 or 20 players on each side. The venue this year was the British Club's choice, which should have been our regular Medal course, The Royal. Unfortunately, we heard that annual maintenance of



greens would impair its usual quality, and so the event was moved to Royal Lakeside. The loss of home advantage will have to be our excuse, for, in spite of a magnificent display by Chris Brader and Marc Brouillette, The Wanderers were comfortable winners. Notwithstanding this disappointment, the cheerful competitiveness of the day was relished.

The monthly Worldwide Relocations Medal was, as usual, played on the last Sunday of the month at Royal (where the greens had recovered from their maintenance treatment). The field of 13 was clearly depleted by the holiday season, but the conditions were good. In Flight A, Graham Johnston played excellent golf to shoot a gross 76, net 66, to win by 9 shots. In his wake, Peter Clark and Frank Fawkes shared the runner-up spot. Flight B was a much closer affair; Varghese Rose and Peter Bond both scored net 73; Varghese won on a count-back. Marc Brouillette was third.

New players, of any handicap level, are always welcome. If you are interested, please drop an email to bcqs2002@ vahoo.co.uk



Captain Peter Gale with partner John Carter before Magpie Putter tee-off

Pete Gale relinquishes the Magpie Putter to the Wanderers Captain & Chairman











# Rio2016

# Daily competition schedule

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Archery	Sambódromo	Maracanā		•	•	•	•	
Athletics	Olympic Stadium	Maracanã						
Athletics - Marathon	Sambódromo	Maracană						
Athletics - Race Walk	Pontal	Barra						
Badminton	Riocentro - Pavilion 4	Barra						
Basketball	Youth Arena / Carloca Arena 1	Deodoro / Barra						
Seach Volleyball	Beach Volleyball Arena	Copacabana				•		
Boxing	Riocentro - Pavilion 6	Barra		•				
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Cance Sprint	Lagoa Stadium	Copacabana						
Cycling - BMX	Olympic BMX Centre	Deodoro						
Cycling - Mountain Blie	Mountain 8ike Centre	Deodoro						
Cycling - Road Rnce	Fort Copacabana	Copacabana						
Cycling - Road Time Trial	Pontal	Barra						
Cycling - Truck	Rio Olympic Velodrome	Barra						
Diving	Maria Lenk Aquatics Centre	Barra						
Equestrian - Dressage	Olympic Equestrian Centre	Deodoro						
Equestrian - Eventing	Olympic Equestrian Centre	Deodoro		•				
Equestrian - Jumping	Olympic Equestrian Centre	Deadoro						
Fending	Carioca Arena 3	Barra						
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	Mané Garrincha Stadium	Brasilia						
Football	Amazônia Arena	Manaus						
	Maracană	Rio de Janeiro						
	Olympic Stadium	Rio de Janeiro						
	Fonte Nova Arena	Salvador						
	São Paulo Arena	São Paulo						
Golf	Olympic Golf Course	Barra						
Gymnastics - Artistic	Rio Olympic Arena	Barra		•				
Gymnastics - Rhythmic	Rio Olympic Arena	Barra						
Gymnastics - Trampoline	Rio Olympic Arena	Barra						
Handball	Future Arena	Barra						
Hockey	Olympic Hockey Centre	Deodoro						
Judo	Carloca Arena 2	Barra						
Marathon Swimming	Fort Copacabana	Copacabana						
Modern Pentathion	Youth Arena	Deodoro						
Rowing	Lagos Stadium	Copacabana						
Rugby	Deodoro Stadium	Deodoro						
Salling	Marina da Glória	Copacabana						
Shooting	Olympic Shooting Centre	Deodoro						
5wimming	Olympic Aquatics Stadium	Barra						
Synchronised Swimming	Maria Lenk Aquatics Centre	Barra						
Table Tennis	Riocentro - Pavilion 3	Barra						
Tankwondo	Carioca Arena 3	Barra						
Tennis	Olympic Tennis Centre	Barra						
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Volleyball	Maracanāzinho	Maracană						
Water Pola	Julio de Lamare Aquatics Centre / Olympic Aquatics Stadium	Maracanā / Barra		•				
Weightlifting	Rio Centro - Pavilion 2	Barra					•	
Wrestling - Freestyle	Carioca Arena 2	Barra						
Wrestling - Greco-Roman	Carloca Arena 2	Barra						
Opening Ceremony	Maracană	Maracană						
Closing Ceremony	Maracană	Maracană						



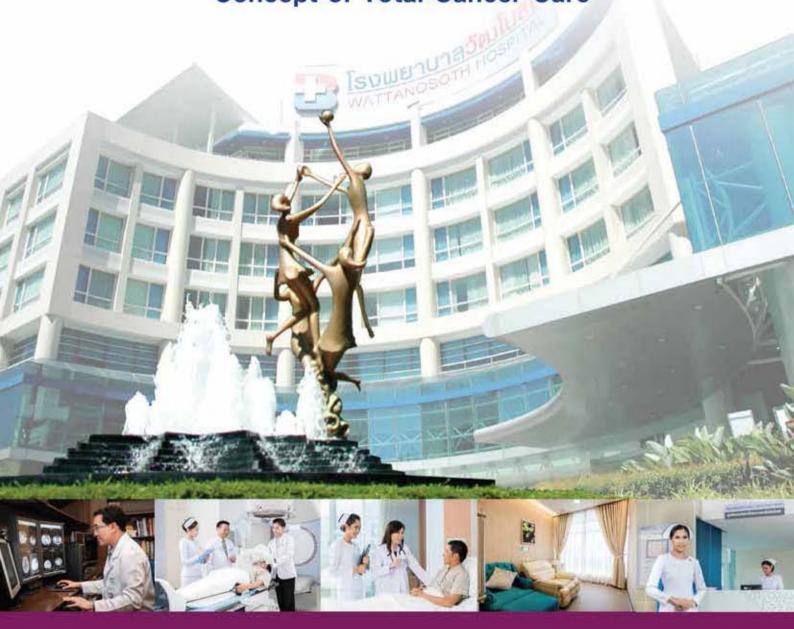
Use this schedule to help you plan your Olympic Games experience.

All competition schedules included in this guide are subject to change at any time.

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